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Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2013 12:15 AM  
To: Morozowich, Deanna (DNREC)  
Subject: new vehicle emission standards

Attention: Deanna Morozowich

I am writing to humbly express my disagreement with imposing the new California emission standards on Delawareans. California was my home for over two decades; there is much that I love about California, but I also witnessed many policies and practices that simply do not work, and make life unnecessarily difficult for its citizens. The extreme motor vehicle regulations are among them. The CA Department of Motor Vehicles does not charge a flat rate for vehicle registration as Delaware's does, they actually charge a percentage of the car's value, so one may have to pay several hundred dollars just to obtain a tag for ones car. I believe that one reason for this is to fund the very kind of program that Delaware is wishing to adopt. I certainly do not want to see California's DMV fee schedule implemented in Delaware! These new requirements are also going to make it harder for financially struggling Delawareans (a growing percentage of the population) to afford cars, as they will drive up the price of used cars that predate the requirements, and push new cars (and even many used cars) out of their price range. When demand rises so does the price - this basic economic principle will certainly hold true. Public transportation is inadequate here to say the least - those who cannot afford cars have to spend hours traveling short distances by bus. I do not believe that these regulations will significantly improve the air quality of Delaware, which is adversely affected by chicken plants, factories and other activities unrelated to driving, and winds from other polluted areas. I hope that you will consider the points that I have made before embracing another failing California policy.

Sincerely,

Josh Miller